

Opinion

A waste of money

Senator William Proxmire, (D, Wisconsin) is well known for his "Golden Fleece Award" which he bestows on government agencies for gross waste of tax dollars. Sometimes it isn't until the money has been spent that it becomes apparent that the goods or services purchased with federal dollars aren't worth the powder to blow them up. A prime example is the pedestrian walkway lighting system in Carbondale.

We asked a dozen people whether or not the "walk-don't walk" lights located at the major intersections on Main Street and Church Street work. The answers were unanimous. No!

although some of the bulbs are burnt out. Our question to Wallis was, "At the intersections on Church Street where push buttons should enable pedestrians to change the traffic lights from red to green, what is supposed to happen when one pushes a button?" Wallis answered that if there are no cars at the intersection, the light should change, but if there are cars, their presence overrides the pedestrian button. He said that he did not know what logic the computer uses in controlling the lights, and that PennDot probably has that information.

Wallis added that the traffic lights on Church Street should remain green for Church Street traffic until traffic approaches from the intersection of Salem Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Seventh Avenue. Sensors were buried at the intersections to detect approaching traffic and change the signals, but the NEWS observed that the lights at the intersections on North Church Street and Salem Ave. and Lincoln Ave. change whether or not cars approach.

We pushed the pedestrian buttons to change the traffic light, but nothing happened. It therefore appears that the expensive computer controlled traffic signalization system doesn't work. Even if it does work, as Wallis Electric says, we don't see how it helps traffic flow or pedestrians. If anyone in Carbondale feels that the "walk-don't walk" signs are helpful, we'd like to know. Since grade school we've known that a pedestrian is not

We asked former city manager Joseph Masco whether or not the system worked and he referred the question to Wallis Electric Co., which maintains the system. George Wallis said that the system does work

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Do you remember when . . .

15 YEARS AGO
First guests at Carbondale Nursing Home Inc., were scheduled to register January 1st. Full occupancy capacity of the nursing home is 108.

Miss Debbie Lett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Farrell of 179 Wyoming St., had been selected Miss RBO Majorette in the national photography competition.

A photo was taken of the first half champions in the Wednesday Night Bowling League. Pictured were the Electronic Computer Programming Institute team: Brian Gursky, Faith Ann Luzzo, Dar Zazera, Janice Wright, Helen Gursky, Florence Mills.

Foreman's Guild, 4 Hospital St., was the winner of a large lion given at the holiday dance of the Carbondale Youth Organization.

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Pedestrians crossing Main Street
Pedestrians crossing Main Street (going from Salko's Sweet Shoppe to Turkey Hill) can't see the walk sign because it is twisted toward the First National Bank Building.

supposed to cross the street when the light is red. All of us know that even when the light is green, one stands the risk of being hit by a car that makes a turn and does not yield to pedestrians. Only an idiot would place blind faith in a "walk-don't walk" sign. Common sense tells us when it

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J.P. Doodles



20 YEARS AGO
For the first time since the incorporation of Fell Township in 1863, an all Democratic township board of supervisors took over the management. They had a grand opening of the beautiful new Ben-Mar Restaurant, located in the former Delt property at 80 N. Main St.

21 YEARS AGO
The Columbia Hose Company named City Treasurer Frank L. Howard as general chairman of the hose company's annual banquet in honor of St. Patrick's.

22 YEARS AGO
The Pennsylvania Department of Mines and Mineral Industries was continuously gas patrolling the homes of the West Side mine fire!

23 YEARS AGO
Mrs. Charles Arrowsmith, 410 S. Main St., Forest City, had a baby girl, Kimberly Jo, the first baby of the year of 1963! Teresa Kopchan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kopchan, 53 Pike St., was the Greater Carbondale Area's first baby of 1963!

24 YEARS AGO
Benjamin Franklin team was the champions of the Seventh Annual Carbondale National Guard Basketball Tournament!

25 YEARS AGO
A violent blast wrecked a service station at Childs! The fire completed obliteration within 10 minutes. William Lyons was on duty and had a narrow escape from death, but suffered only shock and a cut ear. The holiday party was held for the Carbondale School of Beauty Culture.

26 YEARS AGO
Roy Hany, general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, was dismissed from his post and John Quinn of the Milwaukee Braves named to succeed him in an executive capacity!

27 YEARS AGO
Peter Zavyack, Simpson native who was a USO trouper at United States Air Force installations in Labrador and Greenland, wrote to the NEWS advertising manager Mike Zwick to tell of having met Francis Cardinal Spellman after a Christmas

season Mass celebrated by the Cardinal at Thule Air Base in Greenland.

28 YEARS AGO
The NEWS reported that heat and gas tests made in an additional boiler-heat-one hole having been sunk earlier - at the Canaan Street housing development, proved negative, indicating that the last trace of the old Watt-Scurry mine fire had disappeared!

29 YEARS AGO
The Fell Township School Board set Monday, February 1, as the date for Fell High School students to move into their new \$350,000 school building!

30 YEARS AGO
Tom Sheridan, Delaware and Hudson train dispatcher, reported that the low temperature reading on the Pennsylvania Division on the cold, cold morning of January 13 was 14 below at 5 a.m. at Nineveh, while it was 2 below at Carbondale at the same time, below at Ararat and zero at Lanesboro!

31 YEARS AGO
The retail merchants of the city prepared to take a vote February 1, to decide whether to close on Wednesday afternoon for three months or for five months during the warm weather months, the 1963 schedule having been observed Memorial Day to Labor Day!

32 YEARS AGO
The Mazurka Pharmacy bowlers, first half champions of the Businessmen's Bowling League got off to a flying start in the second half with the lineup of Joe Fazio, Joe Boush, Sam Guzi, Pete Richardson, Victor Caudillo and Tony Cuce!

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Keeping in touch

By James Laurie
6403 Darwin Road
Laurel, MD 20707

Roy and Dorothy Gumpert

Sending their love to all the people in Simpson and Carbondale are Roy and Dorothy Gumpert, 1948 Miller Lane, Vienna, Virginia 22186. Dorothy is the daughter of Michael J. and Julia Harris Mikulak, Main St., Simpson. Roy is the son of Fred and Eleanor Price Gumpert of Dixon Ave. Dorothy and Roy's children are Deborah, Kathy and Alicia. Dorothy has a sister, Joanne and Roy's brother is Donald.

Ash sidewalks

To the Editor:
I would like to express an opinion a lot of people would like to get off their chests. It is about the icy conditions on John Street and on the sidewalks of the old post office. It is a shame especially for some of our older citizens trying to get to the store or the church.

I am surprised that the Housing Authority has not complained to the Mayor. The Mayor claims that there is not enough men and we know there is no money for ashes. There are a lot of people in Carbondale who would gladly donate some of their coal ashes since to town is broke.

For more information just send a self addressed stamped envelope requesting information to the foster pet program. Write or phone, "Human Way" at Lacey Road, P.O. Box 43, Forked River, New Jersey 07973 - phone 1-609-693-1300.

Thank you,
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Oleksa
62 North Main St.

Pet care

To the Editor:
I would appreciate it if you would pass along to your readers information about the "Foster Pet Program."

If you have a dog, cat or other pet you can no longer keep, a stray that you have a special liking for, an elderly animal which has become a burden, or you are moving into an apartment where no pets are allowed or you are faced with other situations in which you must give up a beloved pet, there is an alternative - the animal Haven Farm at Forked River, New Jersey has a facility where such pets can live out their lives in peace or where hospital pets can have room to roam until they are adopted.

All of the animals are neutered, vaccinated and the public can visit with them daily, seven days a week. The dogs have kennels, dog houses, barns and a boat in which they can roam and the cats have small "houses," a boat and bathtub where they can meander.

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Remember When?

It was in the early 1960's when these huge earth moving machines were put to use clearing the snow on Main Street. The heavy equipment belonged to Jack Gillen. The operators were, from left, Ron Gilroy, Jack Gillen, and Nick McAndrew. The police officer near the vehicle at the right is Paul Kelly. (Photo courtesy of Jack Gillen)

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